IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND (SOUTHERN DIVISION)

KARLA PATRICIA IRAHETA ET AL. *

Plaintiff							Civil Act	ion No	o. 8:12-	cv-0142	26-DKC
v.						*					
LAM YUEN, LLC ET AL.											
Defendants											
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<u>DEFENDANT DENIS LAM'S ANSWERS TO</u> PLAINTIFF IRAHETA'S INTERROGATORIES

TO: Plaintiff, Karla Patricia Iraheta

BY: Defendant, Denis Lam

COMES NOW THE Defendant Denis Lam by and through his attorney Patrick Preller, Esq., and answers Plaintiff Karla Patricia Iraheta's Interrogatories in accordance with the Federal Rules of Procedure, and without waiving any rights that he may have to the admissibility or relevancy of any information contained or alluded to herein. The word usage and sentence structure is that of the attorneys and does not purport to be the exact language of the executing parties. The information supplied by these Responses is not based solely on the knowledge of the executing party, but includes knowledge of the party's agents, representatives, and unless privileged, attorneys.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

- 1. Defendant objects to the Interrogatories to the extent that they seek information or documents protected from discovery the by the attorney-client privilege, the attorney work-product doctrine, the joint defense privilege, or any other applicable privileges.
- 2. Defendant objects to the Interrogatories to the extent that they seek information and documents reflecting information that is private, confidential, a trade secret, confidential business information, proprietary information or other similar information.

- 3. Defendant Objects to the Interrogatories to the extent that they purport to impose discovery obligations beyond those imposed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the case law there under or this Court's Order.
- 4. Defendant Objects to the Interrogatories to the extent that they seek information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. To the extent that Defendant responds to these Interrogatories, he does not concede that the documents provided are relevant to this litigation.
- 5. Defendant objects to the Interrogatories to the extent that they are vague, ambiguous, overly broad, and/or unduly burdensome, and to the extent that they call for information and documents, which are equally available to Plaintiffs.
- 6. Defendant responds to the Interrogatories to the best of his present knowledge as of the date of this response. Defendant specifically reserves the right to supplement, modify or vary its responses at a later date and to present relevant information or documents at trial if it covers additional facts or documents in discovery an/or as a result of further investigation.
- 7. Defendant objects to the Interrogatories to the extent that they seek information and documents already produced or to the extent the Request seeks information or documents of impeachment.
- 8. Whenever, in response to the Interrogatories, Defendant agrees or has agreed to produce documents, this shall not constitute a representation that such documents exist. This response only signifies that the documents will be produced if they exist, can be located with reasonable diligence, and are not otherwise protected from disclosure.
- 9. These objections are incorporated by reference into each response below, and each response is made without waiving these objections, or any other specific objection made to the request.

ANSWERS TO INTERROGATORIES

1. Please provide your full name, any former name by which you have been known, any other name used by you, including pseudonyms, your birth date, your place of birth, present address, martial status, and social security number.

This party objects to the Interrogatory because the identity of any individual who prepared or assisted in the preparation of these interrogatories is not discoverable. See e.g., Maple Drive-In Theatre Corp. v. Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp., 153 F. Supp. 240, 244 (S.D.N.Y 1956) (it is proper to ask only for those with knowledge of relevant facts, not those who help prepare interrogatory answers); United States v. National Steel Corp., 26 F.D.R. 599, 600 (S.D. Tex. 1960) (same); Hopkinson Theatre, Inc. v. RKO Radio Pictures, Inc., 18 F.R.D. 379, 383 (S.D.N.Y.) (same). Defendant further Objects to this interrogatory to the extent that it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. To the extent that Defendant responds to this Interrogatory, he does not concede that the information provided is relevant to this litigation. Notwithstanding these objections and without waiving same, the interrogatory answers are executed on behalf of Denis Lam, a

former name are Chee Kui Lam, Denis C Lam, China, 13329 Catawba Manor Way, Clarksburg, MD 20871, married.

2. Please identify any civil or criminal action, including but not limited to if you have ever filed for bankruptcy, in which you have been involved as either a plaintiff or defendant in a civil action, or the victim or complaining witness in a criminal action. Your answer should include but not be limited to case number, court in which the case was filed, a short description of the cause of action or offense and the outcome of the lawsuit.

Defendant Objects to this Interrogatory to the extent that it purports to impose discovery obligations beyond those imposed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the case law there under or this Court's Order. Defendant objects to this Interrogatory to the extent that it is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, and/or unduly burdensome, and to the extent that it calls for information and documents, which are equally available to Plaintiffs. Defendant objects to this Interrogatory to the extent that it seeks documents already produced or to the extent the Request seeks information or documents of impeachment. Notwithstanding these objections and without waiving same, none.

3. Describe in detail any communications (oral or written) that you have had with any person (other than your attorneys), including the Plaintiff, about any of the facts alleged in the Complaint, or your Answer thereto. To "describe in detail" within the meaning of this interrogatory includes identification of the persons with whom you had the communication, the date of the communication, the type of communication, and the substance of the communication.

Stan Lam and Peggy Lam had verbal discussion of each of the complaint items when I received the complaint by mail on May 2012.

4. Identify each person whom you expect to call as an expert witness at the trial, state the subject matter on which the expert is expected to testify, state the substance of the findings and opinions to which the expert is expected to testify, and a summary of the grounds for each opinion, and attach your answers any written report made by the expert concerning those findings and opinions.

No final decisions have been made as to experts/trial witnesses/trial evidence/exhibits at this time. Defendant specifically reserves the right to supplement, modify or vary this response at a later date and to present relevant information or documents as necessary to comply with discovery.

5. Identify all exhibits you intend to introduce at trial.

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extent that it seeks documents or information protected from discovery the by the attorney-client privilege, the attorney work-product doctrine, the joint defense privilege, or any other applicable privileges. Without waiving such objection, no final decisions have been made as to trial exhibits at this time. Defendant specifically reserves the right to supplement, modify or vary this response at a later date and to present relevant information or documents as necessary to comply with discovery. In the event this Defendant is still a Defendant at trial, all documents exchanged by the parties in discovery.

6. Identify the date that you and Plaintiff, individually and/or collectively, met, and fully describe the circumstances of how you met, including, but not limited to, the persons who introduced you, persons who were present, and the content of any oral or written communication regarding the employment of the Plaintiff.

I was introduced to Plaintiff Iraheta by one of her co-worker/friends in 2003. I do not recall the name of the co-worker/friend. Plaintiff was looking for work.

7. Identify and describe any interaction with the Plaintiff after her termination from employment on April 3, 2012 to include any and all telephone conversations, direct, and indirect conversations between you and Plaintiff or through an intermediary regarding her last paycheck and her employment.

I called Plaintiff Iraheta around April 5, 2012, but there was no answer. Subsequently made two other calls to her (both calls were accidental, the first on April 5, 2012 when I mistakenly pressed redial and another on April 6, 2012 when my phone inadvertently placed a call while my phone was in my pocket). I believe that both calls lasted I less than one minute. During the calls, there were no conversations. Plaintiff's attorney, I believe it was Jae Hwang, called me the next day and warned me not to contact Plaintiff any more.

8. If you contend that Plaintiff made any admission against interest, state the substance of the admission, identify the communication concerning the admission, identify all documents that refer or relate to the admission, and identify all persons who have personal knowledge of the admission.

None at this time.

9. Identify and fully describe any ownership of similar businesses and properties that you own that may be considered a joint enterprise or are similarly related to Maria's Bakery Lite located at 12205 Nebel Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

I have ownership interests in Maria's Cafe and Bakery at 1701-B3 Rockville Pike, Maryland 20852, but I do not have any ownership interests in Maria's Bakery Lite.

Maria's Bakery Lite is a trade name that is owned by Lam Yuen, LLC. I am listed as the Registered Agent for Lam Yuen, LLC.

10. If it is your contention that you did not violate any Employment Laws stated in the Complaint, explain why you make such contention.

I do not believe I have violated any employment laws as stated in the Complaint. Also, there are witnesses and evidence(s) that will contradict Plaintiff's allegations that she worked 12 hours in a day from Monday – Sunday (except Tuesday as stated as her day off on the complaint) at 12205 Nebel Street, Rockville, MD 20852 during the period of March 28, 2003 - April 3, 2012 as the Plaintiff claimed on the complaint. At this moment, no final decisions have been made as to experts, witnesses, evidence or exhibits yet.

11. Identify each person, other than a person intended to be called as an expert witness at trial, having discoverable information that tends to support a position that you have taken or intend to take in this action, including any claim for damages, and state the subject matter of the information possessed by that person.

No final decisions have been made as to trial witnesses, evidence or exhibits at this time. I have discoverable information (regarding her alleged employment) that contradicts Plaintiff's claims, including her claim for damages.

12. Identify all persons who assisted you in the preparation of your Answers to these Interrogatories.

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13. Identify your relationship and with the other Defendants in the case, including their agents, representatives, businesses, or other persons or entities related to the employment of the Plaintiff alleged in the Compliant.

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I affirm to the best of my present knowledge as of the date of this response that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Denis Lam

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